

[Honourable Mr. T. M. Varghese.]

- (ii) with regard to the grant of Friday noon-interval, no change in the present system is considered necessary as the proposal to grant it to the whole school would inconvenience the non-Muslim pupils.

*Patients in Hospitals.*

40. MR. EAPEN ARAKKAL : Will the Honourable Minister for Medical be pleased to state whether there is any rule or practice by which the Assistant Doctors in a hospital (doctors other than the District Medical Officer and the Resident Medical Officer) are precluded from visiting the patients in the general ward or pay ward in a hospital?

HONOURABLE MR. C. KESAVAN : No

*Powers of Secretaries to Government.*

41. MR. K. M. CHANDY (Meenachil I-General): Will the Honourable Minister for Accounts and Confidential Sections be pleased to state:

(a) whether they intend to change the present system which allows the permanent officials called Secretaries to carry on the work of administration generally done by Ministers in democratic countries; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that at present some of the Secretaries are passing orders and disposing of certain files without the knowledge of Ministers?

HONOURABLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI : (a) Under the present system the Secretaries do not do the work of Ministers. They only help the Honourable Ministers in carrying on the work of administration.

(b) Certain routine matters are disposed of by the Secretaries.

*Portfolios of Ministers.*

42. MR. N. V. CHACKO (Kunnathnad III-General) : Will the Honourable Minister for Political and General be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the portfolios or departments which are in charge of the various Ministers so as to enable members to know to which Minister particular questions are to be addressed?

HONOURABLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI : The statement is laid on the table.

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43. MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : (Mavelikara II-General) : താഴെപ്പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

അഞ്ചൽ ജീവനക്കാരിൽനിന്നും ശമ്പളപരിഷ്കാരത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് വല്ല നിവേദനവും ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ? ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു നടപടി നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

HONOURABLE MR. C. KESAVAN : Yes.

The matter is under consideration.